

Part C State Performance Plan (SPP) for 2005-2010**Overview of the State Performance Plan Development:**

See page 1 of the State Performance Plan.

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Effective Transition
Indicator 8: Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:

- A. IFSPs with transition steps and services
- B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B: and
- C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.

(20 USC 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Measurement:

- A. Percent = # of children exiting Part C who have an IFSP with transition steps and services divided by # of children exiting Part C times 100.
- B. Percent = # of children exiting Part C and potentially eligible for Part B where notification to the LEA occurred divided by the # of children exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B times 100.
- C. Percent = # of children exiting Part C and potentially eligible for Part B where the transition conference occurred divided by the # of children exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B times 100.

Overview of Issue/Description of System or Process:

The lead agency for South Dakota's Part C program, also known as Birth to 3 Connections, and the lead agency for the preschool special education program has always been the Department of Education. South Dakota is unique in the fact that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are responsible in evaluating all children, ages 0-21, in order to determine eligibility for Part C and B. In addition, Part B state eligibility rules include criteria called, "in need of prolonged assistance," which involves children ages 0 through 2. LEAs are responsible for service provision, along with financial, to those children meeting the definition of prolonged assistance. Part C Service Coordinators and LEAs work together throughout the IFSP process.

Service Coordinators assist families with all types of transitions at every IFSP meeting (examples; family moving, child needing to be in hospital, parent going to work and child is needing daycare etc.), including when their child will be reaching age 3. Transition planning conference meetings occur at least 90 days prior to the child's 3rd birthday, but not more than 9 months in advance. A LEA representative, along with various other program representatives (ex: Head Start, Preschool) attends the transition meeting. A formal referral (notification) to the LEA for Part B eligibility determination and services is made by the service coordinator prior to the child's 3rd birthday. The service coordinator continues any follow up transition activities with the family and attends IEP meetings at the family's request.

Birth to 3 Connections program contracts with nine regional programs to provide service coordination, the state staff monitors each of the regional programs on a 3-year cycle. State staff review transition files and look specifically at the following: transition steps prior to age 3 on the IFSP; referral (notification) to school district for evaluation, date the referral was made; and documentation of transition planning conference. For 04-05, three regional programs – Hub Area Birth to 3

Connections, Heartland Hands Birth to 3 Connections, and Three Rivers Birth to 3 Connections were monitored.

At the state level, transition surveys are sent to all families in South Dakota whose child was on an IFSP and turned 3. Survey results are collected and entered into the data system. The survey allows families opportunity to request a state staff person contact them should they have concerns regarding transition. State staff identifies which of the regional programs the survey comes from in order to provide technical assistance as needed.

Baseline Data for FFY 2003 (2003-2004):

July 1, 2003 –June 30, 2004	Easter Seals	SE	NW
A. Children exiting Part C have an IFSP with a transition plan including steps and services.	93.4%	100%	100%
B. Children exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B were referred to the LEA.	100%	100%	100%
C. Transition conference occurring at least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday.	97.4%	100%	100%

Discussion of FFY 2003 Baseline Data:

In 2003-2004 Birth to 3 Connections monitored three regional programs. As a part of those visits, 30% of randomly selected records were reviewed to determine compliance with transition requirements.

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEPs) response to the 2003-2004 APR required the state to provide data and analysis indicating the status of compliance with the three transition requirements. Those data are provided above. One of the three regional programs was identified as having two transition findings on May 26, 2004. Corrective action was initiated and the corrective action plan including strategies required evidence of change, targets and timelines to achieve full compliance was completed and closed May 5, 2005.

Baseline Data for FFY 2004 (2004-2005):

July 1, 2004 –June 30, 2005	HUB	3 Rivers	HH
A. Children exiting Part C have an IFSP with a transition plan including steps and services.	100%	100%	100%
B. Children exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B were referred to the LEA.	100%	100%	100%
C. Transition conference occurring at least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday.	100%	100%	100%

Table 1 - Family Survey – July 2004-June 2005

Questions	Yes	No	No Answer	Exit Earlier than 3
"I was a given a chance to be a part of the team making the decisions during my child's transition"	142	0	4	4

“The people working with my child and family helped me to understand all of the options open to my child as we transitioned for the IFSP	138	4	4	3
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Discussion of FFY 2004 (2004-2005) Baseline Data:

Monitoring data and family survey data indicate this is an area of strength. 100% of IFSPs meet transition requirements based on the data presented above. In addition, Table 1 shows the results of the family survey on the first questions showed a 95 percent agreed and the second question 92 percent agreed. This finding supports the data found in monitoring data (Table 1)

Continued monitoring will occur for the 9 regional programs. In addition, starting July 2005, the IFSP transition page and IFSP review page will include documentation of the transition meeting date and referral to LEA date to allow for these data to be included in the state data system.

In summary, South Dakota has an effective transition system from Part C to Part B for children.

FFY	Measurable and Rigorous Target
2005 (2005-2006)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.
2006 (2006-2007)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.
2007 (2007-2008)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.
2008 (2008-2009)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.
2009 (2009-2010)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.
2010 (2010-2011)	100% of children exiting Part C receive timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by

	their third birthday.
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Improvement Activities/Timelines/Resources:

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	TIMELINES
Revise the IFSP to incorporate additional transition planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 06
Train service coordinators regarding the use of the updated IFSP transition and review pages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 06
Continue current practice of reviewing transition documentation on IFSPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1, 2005- June 30, 2011
Continue current level of technical assistance to service coordinators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2011
Collaborate with the 619 Coordinator quarterly to coordinate information to improve transition for children and families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff Part B – 619 Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2005- June 30, 2011
Collaborate with the 619 Coordinator to identify areas, districts and providers that need state technical assistance and/or training on transition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State B-3 staff Part B - 619 Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 2006 - June 30, 2011